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Explanatory.

This Manual has been prepared for the use and information of the members of this Church and Congregation, in accordance with the official action of the Session. It is the first of a series, which it is proposed to issue at intervals. While great care has been taken to secure accuracy, it is felt that errors will, almost necessarily, be discovered; and that a subsequent issue may be more perfect, it is requested that any one detecting mistakes will bring it to the attention of the Pastor.

All persons connected with our Church are earnestly invited to read carefully the contents of this Manual. It is hoped that it will make us all more intelligent concerning our Church, its work, and its needs; that it will help to stimulate us to greater exertion in Christian work in our Church; that every one of us may be impressed with the thought that there is a place of usefulness which he can fill, and that each one will diligently strive to bear his full share of all the burdens and responsibilities of our Church—and thus make our future bright with God-given success. If it does this it will be considered worth all the thought, time, labor, and money that have been expended upon it.

All persons into whose hands this Manual may fall, who have no regular place of worship, are requested to study our Church as it appears upon these pages, and consider the "Invitation to Strangers," which is No. 15 of the Pastor's Suggestions (page 12).

Copies of this Manual may be had, *without charge*, on application to the Pastor or Elders. The cost of its publication has been provided for through the kindness of a friend of the Church.

I. P. M.

723 S. 20th St., Philadelphia, April 9, 1885.



The Pastor's Suggestions.

I. PASTORAL SERVICES.—The Pastor is at your service always, for all the purposes of the Pastorate. While his chief work is to preach and teach the Gospel, he is always glad to welcome to his home, at any time, any persons who desire to talk with him about the great concerns of the immortal soul, or who call to consult with him about the affairs of the Church, or anything else that pertains to the progress of Christ's Kingdom.

II. VISITING.—It is the Pastor's purpose to visit at their homes, each family of the Church and every member of the Congregation and Sabbath School, just as often as he can consistently with his other duties. No rule can be established in a Church with a large membership except to be always ready to visit any family or individual when necessary. The Pastor expects that all cases of sickness and sorrow and special religious needs will be at once reported to him, and he will regard it a sacred privilege to answer any and every such call that may be made upon his time and care. Never take it for granted that the Pastor is acquainted with your special needs. When a visit for any reason is desired, and especially if you think he can be helpful to you under any special circumstances, the Pastor will regard it as a favor if you notify him of the fact. When this is done, it is to be hoped that all proper allowance will be made for seeming neglect in pastoral visitation.

III. SICKNESS.—The Pastor is always ready and willing to visit the sick, and will gladly put himself to any inconvenience to serve them. As he cannot always know who are sick or when his presence would be desirable, he most earnestly requests that, whenever the circumstances of any

person or any family connected with the congregation are such as call for special attention, he may be immediately informed of the fact. It often happens when people are sick, that they are so sick as to be unable to see even the Pastor; and sometimes there is such a state of confusion in the affairs of the family that it is very inconvenient for them to have the Pastor call. In view of these things, the Pastor ought not to be expected to call, where there is sickness or trouble, unless he is asked to do so, even if he knows that such sickness or trouble exist. At any rate, the Pastor ought not to be censured if he does not call, unless the afflicted have specially sent for him.

IV. FUNERALS.—If possible, consult the Pastor before definite arrangements are made as to the day and hour for the funeral services. This will enable him to so adjust other engagements as to comply with the wishes of the friends of the deceased. Funerals should, in all ordinary cases, be in the latter part of the day, and not on the Lord's Day. The regular duties of the Sabbath are sufficient for the strength of the Pastor.

V. BAPTISM.—All Christian parents should present their children to the Lord in Baptism, as soon as convenient after they are born. This ordinance should be administered in the presence of the congregation, and not in private, except in cases of sickness. Parents intending to present their children for Baptism should always write, with care, the child's name in full, and date of birth, together with the names of the father and mother in full, upon a slip of paper, and hand the same to the Pastor, to be recorded in the Church Register.

VI. MARRIAGE.—When persons intending to be married have set the day for the happy event, if they desire the services of the Pastor, they should notify him as soon as convenient, so that he may avoid making other engagements which may conflict with their plans. The Pastor always keeps such secrets.

VII. PUBLIC WORSHIP.—If Christians are to let their lights shine in Sabbath observance, they must engage in the public exercises of the Sanctuary; they must join in public prayer and praise with the people of God. Let it not be said of us that we are neglecting the ordinances of God's house. Let each one say with Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Let the habit of regular attendance upon the services of the Sanctuary be a controlling power in the life of our Church. It is a great pleasure for the Pastor to bear record to the continued faithfulness of our people in this direction. Twice each Sabbath, in the evening as well as the morning, it is his happy privilege to preach to a full house. Let this good attendance continue, and let the boys and girls be gathered in with the fathers and mothers, to the congregation of Sabbath worshippers—"both young men and maidens;

old men and children: let them praise the name of the Lord." Come promptly at the time appointed for beginning the service, and thus you will not disturb others in their worship. In God's house be reverent and attentive. Be eager to hear as the Word is read, and let the house be stillest when God speaks. Good hearing has a wonderful effect on the preaching. Sing with the spirit. Practice what is preached.

VIII. THE SABBATH SCHOOL.—The Sabbath School is the most important department of our Church-work. In it we have the most easily reached and the most impressible part of every congregation. The Sabbath School is an organized power which, properly utilized, is capable of immense possibilities of good to the cause of Christ and to the Church. The great object of the Sabbath School should be Bible study for Christian growth, for immediate religious impressions and constant Christian culture. The teacher's object should be to lead the soul to Christ. Parents should send their children regularly and on time, and assist them in the study of their lessons. They should give the officers and teachers their prayers and assistance. The essential qualities of a good teacher are love of the work, carefulness and thoroughness of preparation, and punctuality of attendance. The Pastor would most lovingly press the claims of the Sabbath School of our Church upon the attention of every member, as the work not of the few now engaged in it, but as a work in which every member of our Church has a share and common interest; and thus aid in making this field of labor rich in abundant fruit for the Kingdom of our Lord.

IX. THE WEEKLY MEETINGS.—Make the Wednesday Evening Lecture and the Friday Evening Congregational Prayer Meeting "*a previous engagement*," even with your best friend. Such meetings have been a power for good that eternity only can measure. Within them brotherly love has been fostered, a strong working faith developed, and souls born into the fold of the Lord Jesus. Let every member feel it a duty and a privilege to regularly attend these services. Not one of us can afford to lose their influence. Invite others to come with you and try to interest them in the services. Come with the spirit of devotion, of sympathy, and of love; join heartily in the singing; expect to give and receive some good; and these weekly meetings will be the golden hours of the week.

X. HOME RELIGION.—The Church services can never take the place of home training and influence. Our Church life will be regulated and directed very much by the spirit that controls the family. The home ought to be the most hallowed spot on earth to the child. The cords of holy love thrown around him there are almost sure to draw him into the Church, and lead him to Heaven. Godly homes are the nurseries of the Church. The memories of fireside devotions are often among the

dearest of life. All home conversations about religion and the Church should lead the little children to feel that it is their privilege to love and serve the Lord, just as they do their father and mother, and enroll themselves early among the followers of Christ, by joining his Church, and obey his dying command: "This do in remembrance of me." Let the lambs be gathered into the fold before they become hardened in sin, and stray away from holy influences; and let the Christian home be the place where their feet are directed aright.

XI. BRINGING CHILDREN TO CHURCH:—God has ordained that his visible Church shall be built up, not of isolated individuals, but of families. Every child of believing parents is by its birth a citizen of God's Kingdom and an heir of its privileges, subject to the condition of subsequent personal faith. Attendance at the Church services ought to be by families. The Pastor would urge all parents to bring their children to Church. If they do not, they can not expect them to love the Church as they grow up, for they are not training them in that direction. Unless the children are brought regularly to the public services of God's House, the Church, humanly speaking, has little or no future before it. The present generation of Church goers will soon be gone, and the coming generation, being untrained in the ways of their parents, will care nothing for the prosperity and perpetuity of the Church. Parents should not allow their children to grow up without that educational training in spiritual truth which a regular attendance upon the services of the Church cannot fail to give, and without that restraining influence which the preaching of God's Word wraps around weak human nature. Parents who do not bring their children to the Church services, are neglecting a duty which is very serious in its consequences, not only upon their children, but upon themselves; for they are sowing seed which, if the parents themselves are Christians, must, some day, bring a harvest in tears of sorrow and bitterness. The Pastor then would sincerely urge that parents, for their own sakes, for their children's sakes, and for the sake of the Church, should insist upon their children coming with them regularly to the House of God. They ought to bring their children to Church so early in life that, in after years, they would not be able to tell when they began to attend religious services. In manhood and womanhood, they will thank and bless their parents for such a training.

XII. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.—Membership in the Presbyterian Church is based, not on the acceptance of a creed, but upon profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This faith includes penitence for sin and obedience to the commandments. Uniting with the Church is enrolling ourselves among the followers of Christ. The Church is a school of Christ, and is helpful to the Christian life. Every member is expected to study the Scriptures and "to grow in grace and in the knowledge of

our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The life of every member of the Church should be consistent with the profession he has made. His conduct should in no respect give the lie to his profession. In uniting with the Church, he professes to seek and love the truth; to make Christ his Teacher and Example; to be led by the Spirit of God; to study and promote the peace and prosperity of the Church; to be jealous of the reputation of the Church and to submit himself to the laws, government, and discipline of the Church. To do all this will require much prayer, watchfulness, and diligence. While no man is perfect, and while sanctification is a work of life, yet the Church expects to find every one of its members earnestly striving to reach this perfection. He should practice much self-denial; he should be regular in observing the ordinances of the Church; he should be faithful in discharging the duties involved in his relation to the Church; he should be active in Church-work—attending all the services and persuading others to attend; he should help in all the prayer, social, and business meetings of the Church; and he should contribute regularly and freely, as God hath prospered him, not only to the current expenses of our own Church, but to all departments of its benevolent work.

XIII. CHURCH CERTIFICATES.—It is "walking disorderly" not to have personal responsibility in and to some particular Church. Our members are affectionately urged, when their business and family circumstances call them to leave our community, to apply without delay, to the Pastor or any member of the Session, for their certificates of dismission and recommendation, and also to present them promptly to the Church to which they are commended, remembering that their relation to us does not cease until they are received by such Church. Members of other Churches who worship with us, even though for a brief or indefinite time, are cordially invited to present their certificates, and come into full communion with us while their residence is here. It is little trouble, it costs nothing, it is orderly, it is courteous. Living within the bounds of one Church, and having a membership in another, is not helpful to spiritual life. When for good reasons it is impracticable to transfer their relationship, our non-resident members are requested to report to the Session at least once a year.

XIV. HOSPITALITY.—It is the duty of every Church-member to be interested in the welfare of every other, and especially in the same congregation. Without brotherly love no Church can prosper; and, without acquaintance, love must be very slight. After every Church meeting there ought to be cordial greetings between those who are present. It is the injunction of Paul: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Always welcome the stranger that may come within our gate. No member of the congregation should allow strangers to leave the

house, without speaking to them, and extending an invitation to return and share his pew. "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another; love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous."—I Peter, 3: 8.

XV. INVITATION TO STRANGERS.—All persons who have no regular place of worship, are invited to come and cast in their lot with us. We will make you welcome, and do you good. If you accept our invitation to be one with us in our worship, we invite you to make yourself known to the Pastor as such, by waiting to speak to him at the close of any service; or by writing to him, giving your name and address, and he will call to see you; or by visiting him at his home. This invitation is extended to all, alike to rich and poor, learned and unlearned, known and unknown.

XVI. RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPERS.—It is desirable that there should be a good religious newspaper in every family of our Church. The following are good Presbyterian papers: *The Presbyterian* and *The Presbyterian Journal*, of Philadelphia; *The New York Observer* and *The Evangelist*, of New York City; *The Presbyterian Observer*, of Baltimore; *The Presbyterian Banner*, of Pittsburg; *The Herald and Presbyterian*, of Cincinnati; *The Interior*, of Chicago.

XVII. YOUNG PEOPLE.—The hope of the Church and the world is in the young people. The future of our own Church depends very largely upon those who have the fire of youth to help in active Christian work. Most people who have passed middle life are set in their ways; and, whether their ways are right or wrong, they are not easily moved. It is very difficult to enlist in active Christian work those people who have come into the Church late in life, and especially those who have been in the Church for years, and who have done little or nothing for the cause of Christ and the spiritual good of others. The young people, under the direction of a sympathizing and prudent leader, can do more efficient service in matters pertaining to the active work and prosperity of our Church than the aged. Young men can greatly aid the Pastor in many ways, and especially by loyalty to the Church, and by interesting other young men in the services and the work of our Church. Young ladies can do even more by a similar loyalty, by taking a decided stand for our Church, by giving it as a whole the benefit of their social influence, remembering what Christ has done for their sex. Our young people can in a multitude of ways render telling service for the good of our Church.

XVIII. CHRISTIAN WORK.—It is the Pastor's chief desire to have the hearty co-operation of all, in every work of the Church. Each one can find something to do, and any one desiring special work can find it by consulting the Pastor. Each member ought to work in and for our

Church, doing all that he can for its prosperity. Otherwise the greatest success cannot be attained. Be always at Church. Be ever seeking to bring others to Church. Seek out strangers and visit them. Seek for new Sabbath-school scholars. All who can should either teach or enter a class. If you want to teach and there is no class, go out and find a class. Watch for opportunities. Seek to interest strangers in our Church home. Don't wait for formal introductions. Use your personal influence with non-church-goers. Work individually and privately. Be much in prayer for the Church. Be punctual as well as regular at all its services. Be much in secret communion with God. Walk with God. Strive to preach the most eloquent and powerful of all sermons, by simply living for the Saviour. Be careful to fulfill all righteousness between man and man. Covet the best gifts. Pray without ceasing. Be much in fellowship with the saints. Cultivate hospitality. Know and love the members of our Church and do good unto all. When your Pastor makes mistakes, don't go and complain to others, but go and tell Jesus. Pray earnestly for your Pastor, that his ministry may not be in vain, and that he may be the instrument in God's hands of doing much good in our Church.

XIX. HOLINESS.—Holiness is the crowning excellence of which humanity is capable, and for which it was originally designed. The great design of the Gospel is to promote holiness. The principles of holiness are constant fellowship with God and unreserved consecration of the soul and life to God. The members of our Church are affectionately urged to make holiness the great object for which they pray, and after which they strive. Everything we do should be done in the name of Christ, and for His sake, or our Church services will be worth but little. We should be holy on Monday, as well as on Sabbath; in the store as well as at the communion table; in the workshop, as well as in the Church. We are not our own, but Christ's; and we should hold ourselves and all that we have to be not our own, but the property of the King of kings. Thus, we shall make our lives bright with the effulgence of holiness, and benign with the blessing of beneficence; and, at last, we shall receive from Him whose approbation is eternal honor the commendation, "Well done! enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Historical Record.

1853—1885.

Church Organized by Presbytery of Philadelphia, Feb. 8, 1853.

Present House of Worship Dedicated, March 10, 1861.

Present Parsonage Erected during 1869 and 1870.

I. Pastors.

REV. JAMES McCASKIE, a native of Ireland, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Strabane, Ireland, and who had served this Church as stated supply from its organization, was ordained and installed its first Pastor, by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, July 12, 1854. He was released from the Pastoral care of the Church June 20, 1864, and ever since has been in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

REV. JOHN MCLEOD, a native of Philadelphia, a graduate of Yale College, and who received his theological education at Yale Seminary, and who was then Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Presbyterian Church, (new school,) and stated supply of the Presbyterian Church in Reeseville, Chester County, Pa., and formerly Pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Montreal, Canada, was elected the second Pastor of this Church, September 27, 1864, and, having served the Church as Pastor-elect from his election, was duly installed in 1866. On account of failing health he resigned his charge and was released February 4, 1884, and is now living in England.

REV. IRWIN P. MCCURDY, a native of Western Pennsylvania, a graduate of the Pennsylvania State Normal School, at Indiana, Pa., and of Lafayette College, and who received his theological education at Princeton Seminary, and who was then Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Frederick City, Maryland, and Professor of Greek and Higher Mathematics in Frederick Seminary, was elected the third Pastor of this Church, April 14, 1884; and, after having been released from his charge at Frederick City on the 15th of the following June, he entered upon his Pastorate in this Church on the next day, and was installed on the 29th of the same month.

II. Elders.

	Installed.	Ceased to Serve.
JAMES MCCLEAN.....	Feb. 8, 1853.....	Mar. 19, 1853
ROBERT MULLEN.....	Feb. 8, 1853.....	Sept. 24, 1862
JOHN PATTERSON.....	*June 24, 1853.....	Sept. 23, 1853
JOHN A. COWAN.....	*Mar. 24, 1854.....	Dec. 22, 1871
ALEXANDER GAMBLE.....	*Mar. 24, 1854.....	Sept. 22, 1871
SAMUEL FULTON.....	Sept. 4, 1869.....	
JAMES HEMPHILL.....	Sept. 4, 1869.....	Mar. 24, 1876
CHAS. EDWARD MILLER.....	July 2, 1876.....	
CHARLES CRUDDEN.....	July 2, 1876.....	
HUGH RUTHERFORD.....	July 2, 1876.....	
WILLIAM MCKNIGHT.....	July 2, 1876.....	
JAMES MOORE.....	July 2, 1876.....	
JAMES THOMPSON.....	July 2, 1876.....	July 1, 1877
CHARLES HARTER.....	July 1, 1877.....	June 13, 1884
JOHN GRAHAM.....	July 1, 1877.....	Feb. 20, 1885

III. Deacons.

	Installed.	Ceased to Serve.
HUGH COPELAND.....	July 2, 1876.....	
MATTHEW MCCAULEY.....	July 2, 1876.....	
CHARLES FORBES.....	July 2, 1876.....	
WILLIAM ROBSON.....	July 2, 1876.....	

*Date of first meeting with the Session; installed previously, but the record cannot be found.

Present Appointments.

PUBLIC WORSHIP, on Sabbath, at 10:30 A. M., and 7:45 P. M.

SABBATH SCHOOL, on Sabbath, at 2:30 P. M., in the Sabbath School Rooms. On Communion Sabbaths, at 2 P. M.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING, for Prayer and Praise, on Sabbath, at 7 P. M., in the Lecture Room.

LECTURE SERVICE, on Wednesday Evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Lecture Room.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING, on Friday Evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Lecture Room.

YOUNG LADIES' PRAYER MEETING (for ladies only), on Sabbath Afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in the Bible Class Room.

YOUNG MEN'S PRAYER MEETING (for young men only), on Sabbath Morning, at 10 o'clock, in the Bible Class Room.

PARENT'S AND CHILDREN'S MEETING, on the first Sabbath of each month, at 7:45 P. M., in the Church.

COMMUNION, on the fourth Sabbath of March, June, September, and December, at 3:30 P. M.

PREPARATORY SERVICES, on Wednesday and Friday Evenings preceding the Communion, at 8 o'clock.

BAPTISM, on the Sabbath following the Communion, at the morning service; and it may be administered at any public service.

THE SESSION meets on Friday Evening preceding the fourth Sabbath of each month, immediately after Prayer Meeting, and at the call of the Pastor. It meets on Friday Evening preceding the Communion, immediately after the preparatory service, and also on Communion Sabbath, immediately after the morning service, to receive applications for Church membership, either on profession of faith or by letter.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS meets at the call of its President.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES meets on the second Thursday of each month, at 8 P. M., and at the call of its President.

THE PEW COMMITTEE meets on the first and third Monday Evenings of April, July, October, and January, at 7½ o'clock, in the Lecture Room. The Treasurer and Secretary of the Board of Trustees meet at the same time and place for the collection of pew rents.

THE CONGREGATION meets annually on the second Monday of February, at 8 P. M., for the election of Trustees and the transaction of other Church business. It may also meet at the call of the Session for the transaction of special business.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at 8 P. M.

THE JOHN MCLEOD FOREIGN MISSION BAND meets on the fourth Monday of each month, at 8 P. M.

THE WILLARD M. RICE FOREIGN MISSION BAND meets on the first Tuesday of each month, at 8 P. M.

THE IRWIN P. MCCURDY FOREIGN MISSION BAND meets on the third Monday of each month, at 8 P. M.

THE MIZPAH YOUNG LADIES' MISSION BAND meets on the first Monday of each month, at 8 P. M.

THE WHITE RIBBON ARMY, SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION, meets at the call of its Executive Committee.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY meets on the first Wednesday of each month, immediately after the Lecture Service.

Present Organization.

I. Church Officers.

I. PASTOR.

REV. IRWIN P. MCCURDY723 South 20th Street.*

II. RULING ELDERS.

SAMUEL FULTON.....728 South 20th Street
 CHAS. EDWARD MILLER.....2009 South Street
 CHARLES CRUDDEN.....2007 Pemberton Street
 HUGH RUTHERFORD.....2501 Naudain Street
 WILLIAM MCKNIGHT.....1935 Pemberton Street
 JAMES MOORE, *Clerk*.....1237 South 20th Street

III. DEACONS.

HUGH COPELAND, *President*.....2051 Fitzwater Street
 WILLIAM ROBSON, *Secretary*.....2025 South Street
 MATTHEW MCCAULEY, *Treasurer*.....1631 South Street
 CHARLES FORBES.....2116 Pemberton Street

IV. TRUSTEES.

SAMUEL SPROUL, *President*.....22d and Ellsworth Streets
 JOHN A. COWAN, *Secretary*.....2815 Hummel Street
 ALEX. T. MCCAULEY, *Treasurer*.....1740 Carver Street
 JAMES S. CATERSON.....1532 South 17th Street
 HUGH COPELAND.....2051 Fitzwater Street
 CHARLES FORBES.....2116 Pemberton Street
 JOHN PATTERSON.....1937 Pemberton Street
 JAMES THOMPSON.....1038 Ward Street
 JOHN WOODS.....713 South 19th Street

EDWARD MILLIGAN, *Sexton*2020 Catharine Street

* The Parsonage is the first house north of the Church.

II. The Sabbath School.

I. OFFICERS.

CHARLES CRUDDEN, <i>Superintendent</i>	2007 Pemberton Street
JAMES MOORE, <i>Assistant Supt.</i>	1237 South 20th Street
SAMUEL T. MOORE, <i>Secretary</i>	1237 South 20th Street
CHARLES M. MOORE, <i>Assistant Sec.</i>	1237 South 20th Street
SAMUEL FULTON, <i>Treasurer</i>	728 South 20th Street
JOHN A. COWAN, <i>Librarian</i>	2815 Hummel Street

II. TEACHERS.

MISS SALLIE A. BROWN.....	2136 Fitzwater Street
MISS LIZZIE P. CLENDENNING.....	1913 Christian Street
MISS SUSIE E. CRUDDEN.....	2007 Pemberton Street
MISS MARTHA A. CRUDDEN.....	2007 Pemberton Street
WILLIAM MCG. CULL.....	1827 Titan Street
MISS MARY E. GIVEN.....	2116 Catharine Street
MISS MAGGIE JOHNSON.....	710 Birch Street
MISS MARY J. MARTIN.....	2021 Catharine Street
MISS ANNIE MCCURDY.....	2108 Christian Street
JOHN McDONALD.....	1518 Hicks Street
MISS MAGGIE MACFARLANE.....	2420 Catharine Street
MISS LIZZIE MACFARLANE.....	2420 Catharine Street
MISS BELLE MACFARLANE.....	2420 Catharine Street
JAMES MCKINLEY.....	1915 Rittenhouse Street
ROBERT I. SMITH.....	1825 Pemberton Street
SAMUEL R. SMITH.....	221 North Juniper Street
MISS ANNIE M. SMYTH.....	2029 Fitzwater Street
MISS JENNIE E. SMYTH.....	2029 Fitzwater Street
MRS. MARGARET W. SPENCE.....	624 Gray's Ferry Road
JAMES G. WOODS.....	713 South 19th Street

III. THE INFANT SCHOOL.

MRS. MARY HENDERSON, <i>Superintendent</i> ..	807 South 21st Street
MISS JENNIE CLENDENNING, <i>Assistant Supt.</i>	1913 Christian Street

III. Other Organizations.

I. THE CHOIR.

SAMUEL R. SMITH, *Precentor*.....221 North Juniper Street.
MISS SUSIE E. CRUDDEN, *Organist*.....2007 Pemberton Street

II. THE JOHN MCLEOD FOREIGN MISSION BAND.

Organized June, 1883.

MISS ANNIE MCCURDY, *President*.....2108 Christian Street
JOHN T. BROWN, *Secretary*.....2019 South Street
SAMUEL CAMERON, *Treasurer*2701 Christian Street

III. THE WILLARD M. RICE FOREIGN MISSION BAND.

Organized December, 1883

MISS MAGGIE MACFARLANE, *President*2420 Catharine Street
ROBERT BRICE, *Vice-President*2203 Montrose Street
JOHN WILSON, *Secretary*.....2243 League Street
MISS M. C. MACFARLANE, *Treasurer*.....2420 Catharine Street

IV. THE IRWIN P. MCCURDY FOREIGN MISSION BAND.

Organized September, 1884.

MISS LIZZIE P. CLENNENING, *President*..1913 Christian Street
JAMES G. WOODS, *Vice-President*.....713 South 19th Street
WILLIAM A. SMITH, *Secretary*.....2048 Bainbridge Street
JAMES BARR, *Financial Secretary*.....1914 Wilcox Street
MATTHEW B. MACCARTER, *Treasurer*....619 South 18th Street

V. THE MIZPAH YOUNG LADIES' MISSION BAND.

Organized November, 1884.

MISS JENNIE E. SMYTH, *President*.....2029 Fitzwater Street
MISS ANNIE M. SMYTH, *Vice-President*....2029 Fitzwater Street
MISS LIZZIE S. BALL, *Secretary*.....2029 Bainbridge Street
MISS MAGGIE JOHNSON, *Treasurer*.....710 Birch Street

VI. THE WHITE RIBBON ARMY.

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION.

Organized February 8, 1885.

JAMES G. WOODS, *President*.....713 South 19th Street
 GEORGE R. SPEER, *Vice-President*.....710 Birch Street
 JAMES BARR, *Secretary*.....1914 Wilcox Street
 MISS BELLE MACFARLANE, *Treasurer*....2420 Catharine Street
 THE PASTOR, *Ex-Officio First Officer*.
 THE S. S. SUPERINTENDENT, *Ex-Officio Second Officer*.

VII. THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING.

Established January 18, 1885.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

JAMES G. WOODS, *Chairman*.....713 South 19th Street
 WILLIAM RIDDAGH.....1525 Sanderson Street
 GEORGE R. SPEER.....710 Birch Street
 THE PASTOR AND S. S. SUPERINTENDENT, *Ex-Officio Members*.

ORGANIST,

MISS BELLE MACFARLANE2420 Catharine Street

CHORISTER,

JAMES G. WOODS713 South 19th Street

VIII. THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING.

Established March 13, 1885.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

JAMES MOORE, *Chairman*.....1237 South 20th Street
 WILLIAM MCKNIGHT.....1935 Pemberton Street
 SAMUEL FULTON.....728 South 20th Street

IX. THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Organized March 25, 1885.

MRS. MARY JOHNSON, *President*.....710 Birch Street
 MRS. MARY HENDERSON, *Vice-President*...807 South 21st Street
 MRS. HANNAH E. BARNETT, *Secretary*....2136 Fitzwater Street
 MRS. RAY L. MCCURDY, *Treasurer*.....723 South 20th Street

Roll of Communicants.

April 1st, 1885.

[Arranged alphabetically in families. Not including the "Reserve Roll."]

James Anderson	1228 South 19th Street
Mrs. Martha Anderson	1228 South 19th Street
Miss Lizzie Anderson	721 Doak Street
David Andrews	1826 Pemberton Street
Mrs. Margaret Andrews	1826 Pemberton Street
Miss Martha T. Andrews	1826 Pemberton Street
John G. Andrews	1826 Pemberton Street
John Andrews	2030 South Street
Miss Lizzie Andrews	2030 South Street
Miss Mary Andrews	2030 South Street
Miss Maggie Andrews	2030 South Street
Mrs. Sarah Andrews	2004 Ellsworth Street
Miss Mary Andrews	2004 Ellsworth Street
Mrs. Jennie Atherholt	1907 Latona Street
Robert Ball	2029 Bainbridge Street
Mrs. Sarah A. Ball	2029 Bainbridge Street
William J. Ball	2029 Bainbridge Street
Miss Lizzie S. Ball	2029 Bainbridge Street
Miss Emma V. Ball	2029 Bainbridge Street
George Banks	2002 Evergreen Street
Mrs. Martha Banks	2002 Evergreen Street
Mrs. Hannah E. Barnett	2136 Fitzwater Street
Mrs. Fannie Barr	1914 Wilcox Street
Miss Annie Barr	1914 Wilcox Street
James Barr	1914 Wilcox Street
Miss Lizzie Barr	1914 Wilcox Street

Miss Sarah Blair.....	1943	Harmstead Street
John Boyd.....	2015	Bainbridge Street
Mrs. Eliza Boyd.....	2015	Bainbridge Street
Miss Maggie Boyd.....	2015	Bainbridge Street
James Brice.....	2203	Montrose Street
Mrs. Annie Brice.....	2203	Montrose Street
Mrs. Martha Briggs.....	730	Wyoming Street
Thomas C. Brown.....	2019	South Street
Mrs. Lizzie Brown.....	2019	South Street
John T. Brown.....	2019	South Street
Miss Mary J. Brown.....	2136	Fitzwater Street
Miss Sallie A Brown.....	2136	Fitzwater Street
Miss Emma R. Brown.....	2136	Fitzwater Street
William J. Brown.....	702	South 19th Street
Mrs. Sallie Brown.....	702	South 19th Street
John Bunting..	3208	Chancellor Street
Mrs. Susan Bunting.....	3208	Chancellor Street
George L. Burns.....	717	Florida Street
Miss Mary A. Calhoun.....	2019	Federal Street
Miss Eliza Calhoun.....	2019	Federal Street
Robert Calhoun.....	1436	Hill Street
Mrs. Maria Calhoun.....	1436	Hill Street
Robert S. Cameron.....	2701	Christian Street
Mrs. Margery Cameron.....	2701	Christian Street
William Campbell.....	2805	Hummel Street
Mrs. Jane Campbell.....	2805	Hummel Street
Mrs. Catharine Canders.....	1935	Pemberton Street
Mrs. Ann Carnahan.....	2106	Alter Street
John Carr.....	1042	Ward Street
Mrs. Eliza J. Carr.....	1042	Ward Street
James S. Caterson.....	1532	South 17th Street
Mrs. A. Maria Caterson.....	1532	South 17th Street
John Caterson.....	1009	Dorrance Street
Mrs. Charlotte E. Caterson.....	1009	Dorrance Street
Miss Maggie M. Caterson.....	1009	Dorrance Street
Mrs. Margaret Christie.....	1730	Manton Street
William G. Clements.....	2004	Annin Street
Mrs. Mary J. Clements.....	2004	Annin Street
Mrs. Rebecca Clendenning.....	1913	Christian Street
Miss Jennie Clendenning.....	1913	Christian Street
Miss Lizzie P. Clendenning.....	1913	Christian Street
Mrs. Isabella Colgan.....	613	South 20th Street
Miss Isabella Condry.....	1738	Lombard Street
Mrs. Mary Eliza Conner.....	215	McAlpin Street
Miss Lizzie Conner.....	215	McAlpin Street

John J. Conner.....	3501	Market Street
Hugh Copeland.....	2051	Fitzwater Street
Mrs. Margaret Copeland.....	2051	Fitzwater Street
Miss Lizzie Copeland.....	2051	Fitzwater Street
Hugh Copeland, Jr.....	2051	Fitzwater Street
Samuel W. Copeland.....	2051	Fitzwater Street
Miss Maggie Copeland.....	2051	Fitzwater Street
John A. Cowan.....	2815	Hummel Street
Mrs. Lizzie A. Cowan.....	2815	Hummel Street
Robert Cowan.....	1736	Dickerson Street
Robert Coyle.....	750	South 16th Street
Mrs. Lizzie Coyle.....	750	South 16th Street
Miss Agnes C. Creth.....	1828	Manton Street
Charles Crudden.....	2007	Pemberton Street
Mrs. Jane Crudden..	2007	Pemberton Street
Miss Susie E. Crudden.....	2007	Pemberton Street
Miss Martha A. Crudden.....	2007	Pemberton Street
Miss Mary J. Crudden.....	2007	Pemberton Street
Charles J. Crudden.....	2007	Pemberton Street
John Cull.....	2244	Montrose Street
William McG. Cull.....	1827	Titan Street
Mrs. Agnes Cull.....	1827	Titan Street
John Cull, Jr.....	1827	Titan Street
William McM. Cull.....	1827	Titan Street
Charles E. Cunius.....	2025	South Street
Mrs. Mary A. Cunius.....	2025	South Street
James Dalzell.....	2103	Catharine Street
Mrs. Ellen Dalzell.....	2103	Catharine Street
Mrs. Elizabeth S. Drummond.....	18th and	Cherry Streets
Mrs. Mary Erskine.....	1615	Dean Street
Robert Ferguson.....	2024	Ellsworth Street
Mrs. Robert Ferguson.....	2024	Ellsworth Street
Miss Maggie Ferguson.....	1909	Wharton Street
Charles Forbes.....	2116	Pemberton Street
Mrs. Annie Forbes.....	2116	Pemberton Street
Arthur Foster.....	1230	South 18th Street
Mrs. Margaret Foster.....	1230	South 18th Street
Miss Annie Foster.....	1230	South 18th Street
James Fulton.....	1943	Harmstead Street
Mrs. Rebecca J. Fulton.....	1943	Harmstead Street
Samuel Fulton.....	728	South 20th Street
Mrs. Annie Fulton.....	728	South 20th Street
Miss Martha Gallagher.....	620	North 16th Street
Mrs. Eliza R. Gamble..	1810	Naudain Street
Thomas Gamble.....	2003	Titan Street

Mrs. Mary Jane Gamble.....	2003	Titan Street
William T. Garvin.....	524	South 15th Street
John Getty.....	2118	Fairfield Street
Mrs. Annie Getty.....	2118	Fairfield Street
Miss Mary E. Given.....	2116	Catharine Street
William Glenn.....	2034	Fitzwater Street
Mrs. Martha J. Glenn.....	2034	Fitzwater Street
Miss Mary Gordon.....	2133	Federal Street
Mrs. Kate Gorman.....	614	South 18th Street
Samuel Gorman.....	2212	Kimball Street
Mrs. Mary J. Gorman.....	2212	Kimball Street
John Graham.....	1620	Afton Street
Mrs. Elizabeth Graham.....	1620	Afton Street
Miss Mary J. Graham.....	1620	Afton Street
Miss Charlotte Graham.....	1620	Afton Street
Miss Maggie Graham.....	1620	Afton Street
Samuel Gray.....	2214	Christian Street
Mrs. Maggie Gray.....	2214	Christian Street
Thomas Gray.....		Clifton, near Phila.
Mrs. Jennie Gray.....		Clifton, near Phila.
Mrs. Lizzie A. Greer.....	1014	Clement Street
William Hazleton.....		20th and Evergreen Sts
Mrs. Mary J. Hazleton.....		20th and Evergreen Sts
Mrs. Ellen Mary Hemphill.....	1809	Naudain Street
Mrs. Mary Henderson.....	807	South 21st Street
Henry Hewkin.....	1112	South 20th Street
Mrs. M. E. Hewkin.....	1112	South 20th Street
Joseph Hopper.....	2130	Ellsworth Street
Miss Annie Hopper.....	2130	Ellsworth Street
Miss Susie Hopper.....	2130	Ellsworth Street
Miss Lucinda Hopper.....	2130	Ellsworth Street
Miss Maggie Hufton.....	749	Park Street
Miss Lizzie C. Jackson.....	744	South 18th Street
Samuel Jackson.....	1641	Federal Street
Mrs. Margaret Jackson.....	1641	Federal Street
John Jamison.....	1828	Manton Street
Mrs. Margaret Jamison.....	1828	Manton Street
Miss Mary Jane Jamison.....	1828	Manton Street
William J. Jamison.....	1828	Manton Street
George Johnson.....	710	Birch Street
Mrs. Mary Johnson.....	710	Birch Street
Miss Jennie Johnson.....	710	Birch Street
Miss Maggie Johnson.....	710	Birch Street
Miss Mary Johnson.....	710	Birch Street
Miss Bella Johnson.....	710	Birch Street

Miss Lizzie Boyd Johnson.....	710 Birch Street
Samuel Johnston.....	807 South 21st Street
Mrs. Margaret Johnston.....	807 South 21st Street
William J. Johnston.....	807 South 21st Street
Miss Maggie Johnston.....	807 South 21st Street
James Kelly.....	1908 Kimball Street
Mrs. Eliza Kelly.....	1908 Kimball Street
Mrs. Catharine Kerr.....	2125 Federal Street
Miss Maggie Kinkade.....	2122 South Street
Mrs. Georgianna A. Kling.....	2037 Lombard Street
Miss Maggie Knox.....	1922 Bainbridge Street
Mrs. Mary Lamberton.....	2108 Christian Street
James MacCarter.....	619 South 18th Street
Mrs. Matilda MacCarter.....	619 South 18th Street
William J. MacCarter.....	619 South 18th Street
Mrs. Mary McCauley.....	1734 Burton Street
Matthew McCauley.....	1631 South Street
Mrs. Sarah McCauley.....	1631 South Street
Mrs. Mary Ann McCauley.....	1631 South Street
Miss Mary McCauley.....	1631 South Street
Hugh T. McCauley.....	1631 South Street
Miss Maggie McCauley.....	1631 South Street
Alexander T. McCauley.....	1740 Carver Street
Mrs. Mary J. McCauley.....	1740 Carver Street
Samuel McClellan.....	1333 South 18th Street
Mrs. Sarah McClellan.....	1333 South 18th Street
Mrs. Eliza J. McConnell.....	853 Perkiomen Street
Miss Susie McConnell.....	853 Perkiomen Street
Mrs. Mary McCuen.....	1803 Lee Street
Miss Mary McCuen.....	1803 Lee Street
Miss Lizzie McCuen.....	1803 Lee Street
Joseph H. McCuen.....	31 North 35th Street
Mrs. Maggie McCuen.....	31 North 35 Street
Mrs. Rachel McCune.....	1927 Kater Street
Mrs. Mary A. McCurdy.....	2108 Christian Street
Miss Annie McCurdy.....	2108 Christian Street
Mrs. Ray L. McCurdy.....	723 South 20th Street
John McDonald.....	1518 Hicks Street
Mrs. Mary E. McDonald.....	1518 Hicks Street
James R. McFall.....	1812 Barker Street
Mrs. Mary MacFarlane.....	2420 Catharine Street
Miss Maggie C. MacFarlane.....	2420 Catharine Street
Miss Lizzie MacFarlane.....	2420 Catharine Street
Miss Belle MacFarlane.....	2420 Catharine Street
Miss Mary MacFarlane.....	2420 Catharine Street

William McKay	2001 Titan Street.
Miss Matilda McKay	2001 Titan Street
Miss Maggie McKay	738 South 12th Street
William McKnight	1935 Pemberton Street
Mrs. Catharine McKnight	1935 Pemberton Street
Mrs. Annie McLaughlin	2540 Riggs Street
Miss Isabella McLaughlin	2540 Riggs Street
James McLaughlin	1431 Montrose Street
Mrs. Jane McLaughlin	1431 Montrose Street
Miss Violet E. McLaughlin	1431 Montrose Street
John E. McLaughlin	1431 Montrose Street
Joseph McLaughlin	1431 Montrose Street
Mrs. Jane McMichael	1418 South 16th Street
Miss Annie McMichael	1418 South 16th Street
Matthew McNerrie	744 South 18th Street
Mrs. Margaret McNerrie	744 South 18th Street
Charles Maguiness	1920 Montrose Street
Mrs. Sarah J. Maguiness	1920 Montrose Street
Miss Mary J. Martin	2021 Catharine Street
William Martin	1900 Ringgold Place
Mrs. Isabella Martin	1900 Ringgold Place
Chas. Edward Miller	2009 South Street
Miss Margaret J. Miller	2053 South Street
Edward Milligan	2020 Catharine Street
William J. Milligan	2020 Catharine Street
Charles Mills	2006 Lombard Street
Mrs. Mary Mills	2006 Lombard Street
Edward Moore	1 Grayson Place
James Moore	2116 Catharine Street
Mrs. Eliza J. Moore	2116 Catharine Street
James Moore	1237 South 20th Street
Mrs. Maggie L. Moore	1237 South 20th Street
Samuel T. Moore	1237 South 20th Street
Charles M. Moore	1237 South 20th Street
William J. Moore	1543 Dorrance Street
Miss Elmina Moore	20th and Evergreen Sts
W. John Moore	2231 Ellsworth Street
David Morrison	2041 Catharine Street
Mrs. Sarah Morrison	2041 Catharine Street
Miss Jane Morrison	2019 South Street
Mrs. Mary Ann Mullen	31 North 35th Street
John Murdock	749 Park Street
Mrs. Kate C. Murdock	749 Park Street
Miss Mary A. Murdoch	1222 South 18th Street
Joseph Neeley	20th and Pemberton Sts

Mrs. Emily Parker	2015 South Street
Miss Isabella Parker	2015 South Street
Benjamin N. Parker	2015 South Street
Robert Parker	1819 Titan Street
Mrs. Rebecca Parker	1819 Titan Street
Miss Lucy M. F. Parker	1819 Titan Street
Mrs. Martha Patterson	2008 Carpenter Street
Robert Patterson	2008 Carpenter Street
Miss Hannah Patterson	2008 Carpenter Street
Miss Annie J. Patterson	2008 Carpenter Street
John Patterson	1937 Pemberton Street
Mrs. Jennie Patterson	1937 Pemberton Street
William Patterson	406 South 23d Street
John Patton	2001 Titan Street
Mrs. Matilda Patton	2001 Titan Street
Miss Maggie S. Patton	1914 Wilcox Street
Mrs. Rebecca Patton	2436 Christian Street
Jos. Irvine Patton	2436 Christian Street
Mrs. Mary Patton	2436 Christian Street
Mrs. Jane Phillips	1738 Lombard Street
Miss Jane Phillips	1931 Kimball Street
Mrs. Jane Phillips	23d and Fitzwater Streets
Mrs. Isabella Quinn	2009 South Street
David Rankin	1304 Mt. Holly Street
Robert Riddagh	1525 Sanderson Street
Mrs. Jane Riddagh	1525 Sanderson Street
William Riddagh	1525 Sanderson Street
Samuel Riddagh	1525 Sanderson Street
Robert Riddagh, Jr.	1525 Sanderson Street
Mrs. Eliza Robinson	614 South 18th Street
Archibald Robinson	614 South 18th Street
James Robson	2025 South Street
William Robson	2025 South Street
Mrs. Margaret Rogers	1935 Pemberton Street
Miss Annie Rogers	1935 Pemberton Street
George Ross	1900 Ringgold Place
Mrs. Elizabeth Ross	1900 Ringgold Place
William Ross	1827 Webster Street
Mrs. Barbara Ross	1827 Webster Street
Hugh Rutherford	2501 Naudain Street
Mrs. Isabella Rutherford	2501 Naudain Street
Miss Lizzie Rutherford	1930 Watts Street
Miss Bella Rutherford	1930 Watts Street
Miss Sophia Rutherford	1930 Watts Street
John Smallwood	2125 Harmstead Street

Mrs. Eliza Smallwood.....	2125	Harmstead Street
Miss Bella Smallwood.....	2125	Harmstead Street
John L. Smallwood.....	2125	Harmstead Street
Mrs. Eliza Smith.....	2244	Montrose Street
Miss Eliza J. Smith.....	2244	Montrose Street
John J. Smith.....	1741	Webster Street
Mrs. Mary Ann Smith.....	2048	Bainbridge Street
William A. Smith.....	2048	Bainbridge Street
Samuel Smith.....	1825	Pemberton Street
Mrs. Esther M. Smith.....	1825	Pemberton Street
Robert Irwin Smith.....	1825	Pemberton Street
Miss Hannah Smith.....	1825	Pemberton Street
Samuel R. Smith.....	221	N. Juniper Street
George R. Speer.....	710	Birch Street
Mrs. Margaret W. Spence.....	624	Gray's Ferry Road
Samuel Sproul.....	22d	and Ellsworth Sts
Mrs. Annie E. Sproul.....	22d	and Ellsworth Sts
Miss Lizzie Sproul.....	22d	and Ellsworth Sts
James Stephenson.....	1513	Ellsworth Street
Mrs. Isabella Stephenson.....	1513	Ellsworth Street
Miss Annie Stephenson.....	1513	Ellsworth Street
William Stewart.....	730	Webb Street
Mrs. Ellen Stewart.....	730	Webb Street
Miss Mary Stockman.....	1418	Fitzwater Street
James Tadley.....	1422	Fitzwater Street
Andrew Thompson.....	2734	Federal Street
Andrew Thompson.....	2038	Carpenter Street
Mrs. Maria Thompson.....	2038	Carpenter Street
James Thompson.....	1038	Ward Street
Mrs. Sarah Thompson.....	1038	Ward Street
Miss Mary Thompson.....	1919	Kater Street
Miss Martha Thompson.....	1919	Kater Street
Mrs. Ellen Smith Tinney.....	20th	and Catharine Sts
Andrew Tinney.....	20th	and Catharine Sts
Henry Tosh.....	1505	Fitzwater Street
Mrs. Matilda Tosh.....	1505	Fitzwater Street
John Tosh.....	1505	Fitzwater Street
Joseph W. Verner.....	1811	Webster Street
Miss Matilda Wasson.....	745	South 15th Street
Miss Jemima Watson.....	1827	Webster Street
Alexander Watters.....	757	Park Street
Mrs. Prudence Watters.....	757	Park Street
William Watters.....	1917	Kater Street
Miss Mary Waters.....	1919	Kater Street
Miss Mary J. Welsh.....	1834	Pemberton Street

Mrs. Lizzie White.....	1418 South 16th Street
Mrs. Lizzie Whitney.....	852 North 29th Street
James Wilkie.....	2012 Catharine Street
Mrs. Lizzie Wilkie.....	2012 Catharine Street
Miss Rebecca Wilkie.....	1826 Pemberton Street
Alexander Wilson.....	2106 Fitzwater Street
Mrs. Jane Wilson.....	2106 Fitzwater Street
Alexander Wilson, Jr.....	2106 Fitzwater Street
Miss Mary Wilson.....	2106 Fitzwater Street
Miss Annie Wilson.....	2106 Fitzwater Street
William D. Wilson.....	2106 Fitzwater Street
Miss Jennie Wilson.....	2106 Fitzwater Street
Mrs. Martha A. Wilson.....	1635 Burton Street
William J. Wilson.....	2243 League Street
Mrs. Isabella Wilson.....	2243 League Street
John Woods.....	713 South 19th Street
Mrs. Jane G. Woods.....	713 South 19th Street
James G. Woods.....	713 South 19th Street
Miss Ray T. Woods.....	713 South 19th Street
Miss Annie Woods.....	713 South 19th Street
John Woods, Jr.....	713 South 19th Street
Matthew Woods.....	2122 Kater Street
Mrs. Lizzie Woods.....	2122 Kater Street
Mrs. Eliza Young.....	1734 Afton Street
Miss Annie Young.....	1734 Afton Street

Summary of Membership.

Pastor and Elders, - - - - -	7
Deacons, - - - - -	4
Trustees, - - - - -	9
Communicants, - - - - -	366
Communicants on the "Reserve Roll," - - - - -	175
Baptized Members, (probable number) - - - - -	350
Other Adherents of the Church (probably number), - - - - -	150
	<hr/> 1061
Deduct for names inserted twice, - - - - -	21
Total number, - - - - -	<hr/> 1040

The Financial System.

It is impossible to carry forward the work of the Church without money, and it is expected that all Christians will give of their means for religious uses, and thus "honor the Lord with their substance." Every member and adherent of our Church should remember that the blessing of God upon ourselves and our Church, is intimately connected with our Christian giving. Every one of us should feel it a privilege to give to the Church "as God hath prospered him." Some fail to give because they cannot afford to contribute as large sums as others. God measures our responsibility by what we have, not by what others do, and our mites will be acceptable if the spirit that offers them is right, and the conscience that directs them is clean. System is necessary to success in any department of action. Business cannot be carried on without system, domestic comfort is impossible without system, and Christ's work will not prosper through lack of system. This applies to the Church in all its departments, not merely its spiritual condition, but also its temporal affairs, and especially its finances. The financial system of our Church is simple and easy for all. It is best for the individual and best for the Church as a whole. It retains all the advantages of the pew rent system, and it gives every one the opportunity to contribute according to God's own method, for the support of the Church. It is hoped that every member of the congregation, rich and poor, old and young, will give our financial plan prayerful consideration, and contribute according to his or her ability, so that every one of us may give *something* to the cause of Christ. Giving of our substance for the service of God, is an act of worship, and *every* member should unite in it. The financial plan of this Church is as follows:

I. PEW RENTS.—The pews have fixed valuations, ranging from fourteen to thirty dollars per annum, according to location. Persons not wishing whole pews will be accommodated with either half-pews or sittings. All regular attendants of the Church are expected to rent pews, half-pews, or sittings, in order that the general expenses may be shared by the whole congregation. All of the pews, whether rented or not, are *free* for the use of strangers who may come to worship with us. Pew rents are payable quarterly, and are collected on the first and third Monday evenings of April, July, October, and January. The Treasurer and Secretary of the Board of Trustees meet for this purpose in the Lecture Room, at 7½ o'clock. The Pew Committee meets at the same time and place. Applications for pews and sittings may be made at any of these meetings, or at any time, personally or by mail, to any of

the following members of the Committee: John Woods, 713 South 19th Street; John Patterson, 1937 Pemberton Street; Samuel Sproul, N. E. Cor. 22d and Ellsworth Streets.

II. WEEKLY FREE-WILL OFFERINGS.—This system, recently introduced in this Church, gives all an opportunity to follow the Bible Rule, and obey the Apostolic direction: "*Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.*" This system is based upon the voluntary promise of the givers. An opportunity is given to *every one* connected with the congregation, to state how much they would be willing to contribute weekly, as a free-will offering to the Lord, with the distinct understanding that all such contributions will be applied to the support of our own Church. These promised amounts can be increased or decreased at the will of the giver, by notifying those having the matter in charge. Envelopes with the names of those thus promising printed on them, are furnished to every contributor. Every Sabbath, at the morning or evening service, an envelope containing the weekly offering should be placed in the basket; and in the case of absence it should be sent through the kindness of a friend, or carried over to the next Sabbath, and deposited along with the amount for that day. A correct record of each separate contribution from each individual is kept in the Treasurer's Book, properly prepared for the purpose. Persons who may be unwilling to promise any definite amount weekly, but who are willing to give, are urged to make their contributions in envelopes. Envelopes with their names printed on them will be furnished all such persons, and a record of their contributions kept. It is important that *every one* should join in this Scriptural method of giving for the support of the Church. Among the advantages of this system of weekly free-will offerings on the envelope plan, properly worked, the following are very evident:

1. It is based upon the Bible rule, the Apostolic method of finance.
2. It elevates giving to its proper place as a part of divine worship. This laying by in store on the first day of the week, as mentioned by the Apostle, ought to be regarded as an act of worship, as well as the prayer and the praise of the Sanctuary. As each member of the family is expected to unite in the public worship on the Sabbath, and as some by reason of youth are not able to join intelligently in the devotional parts of the exercise, they may, nevertheless, perform a part in the worship of God by their contributions.
3. It trains the members of the congregation into habits of systematic giving. It is by educating the members of our Church, both the old and the young, into this habit of giving systematically, that our success in the future is assured. The steady, regular, and systematic receipt of these small offerings each Sabbath is worth far more to the Church in

every way than spasmodic contributions of larger amounts by persons who give or do not give just as the impulse moves them.

4. It is well suited to reach *every* member. It reaches many who otherwise fail to give anything to the support of the Church. The poorest member can do his or her share as well as the wealthiest, and feel that all are helpers of Christ's work, each "as God hath prospered him." Each gives in the easiest way—day by day, little by little; and thus it secures the small gifts, keeping open the rills which enlarge the stream of Christian giving. It has the correct principle of small gifts from many givers, at regular and frequent intervals.

5. It increases the revenue of the Church. It produces an income which may be relied upon, and enables the Board of Trustees to engage in the temporal work without the fear of a deficiency at the close of every year. If each of the 366 actual communicants of our Church gave, on an average, 25 cents a week, in a year it would amount to \$4,758.00. If one-half of our communicants gave, on an average, 25 cents each per week, and the other half only 10 cents, in a year it would amount to \$3,330.60. If each communicant gave, on an average, 14 cents a week, which is only two cents a day, in a year it would amount to \$2,664.48.

III. OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS.—Collections are taken up at all the regular preaching services of the Church. The contributions on the fourth Sabbath of each month are appropriated to the Poor Fund and the Boards of the Church; the contributions on the second Sabbath of each month are devoted to the Sinking Fund; the contributions on the first Sabbath evening of each month are given to the Sabbath School; and all other contributions are applied to the current expenses of our Church. All of these contributions are in addition to the Weekly Free-Will Offerings, and are to be deposited in the basket along with the envelopes. The contributions on the fourth Sabbath of each month are appropriated in accordance with the following schedule:

January,	-	-	-	Foreign Missions.
February,	-	-	-	Freedmen.
March,	-	-	-	Poor Fund.
April,	-	-	-	Aid for Colleges and Academies.
May,	-	-	-	Publication.
June,	-	-	-	Poor Fund.
July,	-	-	-	Church Erection.
August,	-	-	-	Ministerial Relief.
September,	-	-	-	Poor Fund.
October,	-	-	-	Education.
November,	-	-	-	Home Missions and Sustentation.
December,	-	-	-	Poor Fund.

Benevolent Agencies.

The different BOARDS of the Presbyterian Church are the agencies through which our Evangelistic Work is prosecuted. The Boards of our Church are as follows :

I. HOME MISSIONS.—This Board directs the efforts of our Church to diffuse the Gospel throughout our own country, in sustaining missionaries where they cannot be supported by the people. Its principal field includes the States and Territories west of the Mississippi, and Alaska. "*The Sustentation Department*" of this Board is to aid our feeble Churches towards self-support.

II. FOREIGN MISSIONS.—This Board is charged with the general direction of the efforts of our Church to spread the Gospel in foreign countries, by sending and sustaining missionaries in these countries. Our Church has mission fields in the following countries: 1. ASIA.—India (3 missions), China (3 missions), Persia (2 missions), Siam and Laos (2 missions), Syria, Japan. 2. AFRICA.—Liberia, Gaboon, etc. 3. EUROPE.—Italy, France, etc., (Papal countries). 4. SOUTH AMERICA.—Brazil, Chili, U. S. of Colombia. 5. NORTH AMERICA.—Mexico (2 missions), Guatemala, United States (among the Chinese and among eleven tribes of Indians).

III. EDUCATION.—This Board has the general superintendence of the work of our Church in furnishing a pious, educated, and efficient ministry. It aids candidates for the ministry who need pecuniary assistance in their collegiate and theological studies. About two-thirds of our candidates for the ministry are thus aided.

IV. PUBLICATION.—This Board has the general oversight of our Church Literature, including the publication of standard works, tracts, library books, lesson papers, etc., principally for our Sabbath Schools. Contributions made to this Board are *not* used for its business, but go exclusively to its *Missionary Department*, which has charge of our Church work in sustaining colporteurs, chiefly west of the Mississippi, in organizing through them new Sabbath Schools in destitute places, and strengthening existing ones, and in making grants of the Board's publications, etc.

V. CHURCH ERECTION.—This Board has charge of the Fund by which feeble congregations are assisted in the erection of Church buildings. The work of this Board goes hand in hand with that of Home Missions.

VI. MINISTERIAL RELIEF.—This Board has charge of the Fund for the aid of ministers disabled by age or disease, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. It also has charge of the Presbyterian Ministers' House, at Perth Amboy, N. J.

VII. FREEDMEN.—This Board has the general superintendence of the work of our Church among the Freedmen of the South, in supplying them with ministers and teachers, and in endowing institutions by which they may be furnished with well-trained preachers and teachers of their own race.

VIII. AID FOR COLLEGES AND ACADEMIES.—This Board has in charge the interests of higher education as connected with our Church. Contributions made to this Board are devoted either to the current expenses of struggling colleges and academies, or to their permanent endowment. Its principal field is in the West.

Presbyterian Polity.

I. The Church.

[Form of Government, Book I., Chapter 2.]

I. JESUS CHRIST, who is now exalted far above all principality and power, hath erected in this world, a kingdom, which is his Church.

II. The Universal Church consists of all those persons, in every nation, together with their children, who make profession of the holy religion of Christ, and of submission to his laws.

III. As this immense multitude cannot meet together in one place, to hold communion, or to worship God, it is reasonable, and warranted by Scripture example, that they should be divided into many particular Churches.

IV. A particular Church consists of a number of professing Christians, with their offspring, voluntarily associated together, for divine worship and godly living, agreeably to the Holy Scriptures; and submitting to a certain form of government.

II. The Presbyterian Church.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is so called because it is governed by *Presbyters*. These officers are elected by the people, and they are invested with the watch and care and government of the Church. Presbyters are of two classes: 1. *Ruling Elders*, those who rule. 2. *Ministers*, those who both rule and teach. *Deacons* constitute another class of officers in the Church, according to our system. They are chosen like Elders, with similar requirements, and have charge of the poor and the benevolent funds for their use. Presbyters exercise their office through the following judicatories:

I. THE SESSION.—“The Church Session consists of the pastor, or pastors, and ruling elders, of a particular congregation.”

Duties—To receive into the Church those whom upon examination it finds to give credible evidence of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; to inquire into the Christian conduct of the members of the Church; to admonish or rebuke, to suspend or expel, those who are found to deserve the censure of the Church; and to take loving and watchful heed “to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers.”

II. THE PRESBYTERY.—“A Presbytery consists of all the ministers, in number not less than five, and one ruling elder from each congregation, within a certain district.”

Duties—To review and control all the Church sessions within its bounds; to see that pastors are faithful in the discharge of their duties; to examine and license and ordain candidates for the ministry; to install, remove, and discipline ministers; “and in general to order whatever pertains to the spiritual welfare of the Churches under their care.”

The Presbytery of Philadelphia is the Presbytery which organized the Southwestern Presbyterian Church and with which it is now connected. It is the oldest Presbytery in America, and includes all the Presbyterian Churches in Philadelphia “south of the centre of Market Street, and between the Delaware River and the western line of the city.” The other Presbyterian Churches in Philadelphia are connected with the Presbyteries of Philadelphia Central and Philadelphia North. One-fifth of the entire population of Philadelphia is Presbyterian, and one to every twenty of the population is a Presbyterian communicant. Presbyterians are the strongest religious denomination in the city and Philadelphia is the largest Presbyterian city in the United States, and probably in the world. The Presbytery of Philadelphia has 61 ministers, 31 churches, 138 elders, 64 deacons, about 12,000 communicants and 14,000 Sabbath School scholars. Its stated meetings are held in the Assembly Room of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, 1334 Chestnut Street, at 3 P. M., on the first Monday of each month, except July and August. Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D.D., is Moderator, and Rev. Willard M. Rice, D.D., is Stated Clerk.

III. THE SYNOD.—“A Synod consists of all the ministers, in number not less than seven, and one ruling elder from each congregation (unless the Synod decides to become a delegated body), within a certain district, including at least three Presbyteries.”

Duties—To review the records of the Presbyteries; to consider appeals from the Presbyteries; and to promote the benevolent and missionary work of the Church.

The Synod of Pennsylvania is composed of all the Presbyteries in the State of Pennsylvania, the Presbytery of West Virginia, and the foreign missionary Presbyteries of Western Africa and Zacatecas. It has 24 Presbyteries, 850 ministers, 950 Churches, 3800 elders, 800 deacons, 136,000 communicants, 155,000 Sabbath School scholars. It meets once a year, on the third Thursday of October. It meets as a representative body, on the basis of one minister and one ruling elder for every sixteen of the combined number of ministers and churches, or fraction thereof, in each Presbytery respectively. It met in 1882 at Harrisburg, in 1883 at Pittsburgh, and in 1884 at Philadelphia. The next meeting will be held at Bellefonte, Pa., October 15th, 1885. Rev. Samuel C. Logan, D.D., of Scranton, Pa., is Moderator; Rev. Elliott E. Swift, D.D., of Allegheny, Pa., is Stated Clerk; and Rev. James Roberts, D.D., of Coatesville, Pa., is Permanent Clerk.

IV. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—The General Assembly consists of an equal delegation of ministers and ruling elders from each of the Presbyteries, and is the highest judicatory of the Presbyterian Church. Every Presbytery sends at least one minister and one elder. If a Presbytery contains more than 24 ministers, it is entitled to an additional representation of one minister and one elder. Every additional 24 ministers entitles it to a like additional representation.

Duties—To pronounce final judgment upon all questions of doctrine and order, appeals and complaints; to answer overtures from Presbyteries and Synods; to interpret and declare the law of the Church; to appoint the several Boards of Benevolence, and supervise their work; and to consider all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Church.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (commonly called "*The Northern Assembly*," to distinguish it from that of the Southern Presbyterian Church), has 24 Synods, 191 Presbyteries, 5400 ministers, 6000 churches, 625,000 communicants, 700,000 Sabbath School scholars. It meets once a year, on the third Thursday of May. The last two meetings were held at Saratoga Springs, New York. The next General Assembly will meet at Cincinnati, May 16th, 1885. The following are the Commissioners from the Presbytery of Philadelphia to this meeting: *Ministers*, Rev. Charles A. Dickey, D.D., Rev. Stephen W. Dana, D.D., Rev. William P. Breed, D.D.; *Elders*, William Still, George Griffiths, Hon. E. A. Rollins. The officers of the General Assembly are: *Moderator*, Rev. Geo. P. Hays, D.D., Denver, Col.; *Stated Clerk*, Rev. Wm. H. Roberts, D.D., Princeton, N. J.; *Permanent Clerk*, Rev. Wm. E. Moore, D.D., Columbus, Ohio.

V. THE PRESBYTERIAN ALLIANCE.—The Presbyterian Alliance (sometimes called the "Pan Presbyterian Council") is "The Alliance of

the Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian System." It meets in General Council, ordinarily, once in three years. It consists of delegates, ministers and elders, from the Churches forming the Alliance, on the following basis: Each Church of 100 congregations, or less, sends two; from 100 to 200, four; and so on up to 1000; above 1000 the additional delegates are only two for 200; above 3000, two for 500; at 4000, or more, the total not to be above forty.

Duties—To consider questions of general interest to the Presbyterian community; to seek the welfare of Churches; to gather and disseminate information concerning the Kingdom of Christ throughout the world; to commend the Presbyterian system as Scriptural, and as combining simplicity, efficiency, and adaption to all times and conditions; to entertain all subjects directly connected with the work of Evangelization; to confer upon matters of common interest, and to further the ends for which the Church has been constituted by her Divine Lord and only King.

The General Councils of the Presbyterian Alliance have been held as follows: The First in Edinburgh, Scotland, in July, 1877; the Second in Philadelphia, in September, 1880; the Third in Belfast, Ireland, in June, 1884. The Fourth Council will be held in London, in 1888. The Presbyterian Alliance represents not less than 21,500 ministers, 100,000 elders, 25,000 Churches, seven million communicants, and two million Sabbath School members.

III. Summary of Presbyterian Doctrine.

The doctrines of the Presbyterian Church are contained in the "CONFESSION OF FAITH," and also in the Larger and Shorter Catechism. It is required of all ministers and elders that they receive and adopt the Confession of Faith, "as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Scriptures." Church members are only required that they give credible evidence of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This faith includes penitence for sin and obedience to the commandments. The following is an outline of the doctrines set forth in the Confession of Faith:

I. ONE GOD—infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth, subsisting in mysterious and eternal Trinity,—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

II. ONE WORD—the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, all given by inspiration of God, and our only infallible rule of faith and practice.

III. ONE CONDEMNATION—there being no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, because the carnal mind is enmity against God.

IV. ONE SAVIOUR—the Lord Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, the power unto salvation from sin and endless death, by atoning expiatory sacrifice through faith.

V. ONE ATONEMENT FOR SIN—made by Jesus Christ in his obedience unto death, sufficient for all, adapted to all, taking every legal obstacle out of the way of all, and on these grounds to be offered to all.

VI. ONE SPIRIT—God, the Holy Ghost, through whose sovereign agency in regeneration, the soul, dead in sin, is made alive in Christ, and through whose sovereign agency in sanctification, the soul is changed more and more into the divine image from glory to glory.

VII. ONE LIFE—the life hid with Christ in God, the life eternal; begun when a sinner believes, and assured thereafter by the effectual and sovereign grace of God; so that once given this eternal life, no believer shall ever perish.

VIII. ONE CHURCH—which is Christ's body, all the members of which, God hath from the beginning chosen to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the Truth.

IX. TWO SACRAMENTS—and only two, as ordained by Christ—*Baptism* and the *Lord's Supper*. Baptism being a sacrament wherein we have "sign and seal of ingrafting into Christ, of remission of sins by his blood, and regeneration by his Spirit;" and the Lord's Supper being a sacrament wherein "the Lord's death is showed forth," and the worthy receivers are, by faith, "made partakers of his body and blood, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace."

X. ONE JUDGMENT—when the dead, small and great, shall stand before God, and every man shall be judged according to his works; and the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

Annual Report to Presbytery.

April 6th, 1885.

The following is the Annual Report from the Southwestern Presbyterian Church to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, from April 1st, 1884, to April 1st, 1885 :

I. PRESENT OFFICERS.

Pastor, Rev. Irwin P. McCurdy. *Elders*, Samuel Fulton, Chas. Edward Miller, Charles Crudden, Hugh Rutherford, William McKnight, James Moore. *Deacons*, Hugh Copeland, Matthew McCauley, Charles Forbes, William Robson.

II. STATISTICS.

1. Members added during the year, 74. A. On Profession, 56; B. On Certificate, 18. 2. Present number, 366. 3. Members of Sabbath School (teachers and pupils), 302. 4. Contributions for Congregational purposes, \$3350.00.

III. ASSOCIATIONS FOR CHURCH WORK, *with facts of interest respecting their operations.*

1. PUBLIC WORSHIP.—Preaching services have been held twice each Sabbath during the year, except in July and August when the evening service was omitted. There has been a steady, healthy increase in the attendance, and much interest manifested. A full house is present at every service, and the people gladly hear the Word as it is preached, and join heartily in the prayer and praise of the Sanctuary.

2. THE SABBATH SCHOOL.—The attendance at the Sabbath School also has increased. The Superintendents, the officers, and the teachers,

are thoroughly interested, and good work is done in this most important department of the Church. More than half of the members of the School attend the preaching services, and a large number regularly attend all the services of the Church. 38 from the Sabbath School have been received into the Church on profession. A Children's Service is held in the Church on the first Sabbath evening of each month.

3. WEDNESDAY EVENING LECTURE.—This service has had a remarkably good attendance during the last few months. The Pastor has been lecturing on the International Sabbath School Lessons, which has been found to be attractive to all, especially the young people.

4. CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING (Friday evening).—This service was established a few weeks ago. It is conducted by the lay members of the Church, and has a good attendance.

5. THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING.—This service was established last January, and is held on Sabbath evening, three-quarters of an hour before the preaching service. It is a meeting for prayer and praise, and is led by the young men of the Church. There is an excellent attendance every evening, and the success of this meeting has been a surprise to all.

6. OTHER PRAYER MEETINGS.—*The Young Men's and the Young Ladies' Prayer Meetings* have recently been established. The first of these, which is for young men only, meets on Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock; and the other, which is for ladies only, meets on Sabbath afternoon at 4 o'clock. Twelve young ladies have united together to take their turn in leading the meeting. Both these meetings give evidence of success.

7. MISSION BANDS.—Two mission bands have been organized during the year:—The Irwin P. McCurdy Foreign Mission Band last September, and the Mizpah Young Ladies' Mission Band last November. The first of these bands has a membership of over fifty young ladies and gentlemen; the other has a membership of about twenty young ladies. Two other mission bands, for the younger people of the Church, had been organized previously. All these bands have monthly meetings, and are prosperous.

8. THE WHITE RIBBON ARMY, SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION. — This temperance movement was organized on the 8th of last February, and has already a membership of some 200 persons. It has entered upon a defensive warfare against intemperance and is likely to do much good.

9. THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY. — This society was organized a few weeks ago, and it is securing a good membership.

IV. MISSIONS (*if any*), *with state of their condition and prospect.*
(We have no Missions.)

V. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.—*Revivals. Special efforts of any kind. Facts indicating prosperity, or the reverse. Wants which should be brought to the notice of Presbytery, etc.*

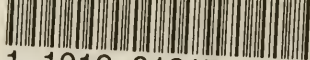
1. REVIVALS.—There have been none of the so-called revivals during the year. However, the Church has been remarkably blessed with a quiet work of grace, without any excitement, during the past few months, especially manifested during the past month.

2. SPECIAL EFFORTS.—No special efforts have been made outside of the regular services, except special preaching services were held every evening for a week preceding the March communion, when the Pastor had the valuable assistance of five successful Pastors of this Presbytery and the Chaplain of the U. S. Naval Asylum.

3. PROSPERITY.—The following facts will indicate our prosperity: (1.) Peace and harmony prevail among us, which we regard as one of the brightest harbingers of good, as one of the surest tokens that the Holy Spirit is with and in our Church. (2.) A large increase in the membership, especially on profession; during the past nine months 74 new members have been received, 56 being on profession; 36 on profession were received at the March communion. (Only thirty-one of all the Churches connected with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, which is the largest Presbyterian body in the world, received more than 56 persons on profession during the last ecclesiastical year.) (3.) Nearly all our members are thoroughly interested in our Church, and many are earnestly working and praying for the Church's prosperity. (4.) Our Church has a large number of excellent young people, who are anxious to work for the Master, and the hope of any Church is in its young people. (5.) All the services are well attended. (6.) Contributions to all the Boards of the Church have been made. (7.) At the end of our Church year, the Treasurer's account had a balance on the right side, after a large payment had just been made to liquidate the debt against the Parsonage. (8.) We have the sympathy and prayers of our late beloved Pastor, the Rev. John McLeod.



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